between the fits he requested them to read the scriptures
Wherefore they sent for one Jesse Bee, who read the gth chapter
according to St John till he came to the 4th verse, at which
time the boy was overthrown into a fit like the former, which
fits lasted commonly about a quarter of an hour Jesse con-
tinued reading the nth, I2th and I3th of St John's Gospel,
and the 1st and and of Revelations , during which time the fits
continued one in the neck of another , and ending with a vomit
he used to say, ' The Lord's name be praised' When Jesse
either ceased to speak of any comfortable matter, or to read the
scriptures, the boy was quiet, but when he was so religiously
occupied the fits came thick upon him, which Jesse Bee observ-
ing told the boy's aunt that he suspected the boy was bewitched
The next morning the boy said unto the maid that made him
ready, [c] I heard my aunt tell Jesse Bee that I was bewitched
the same Saturday that my sickness took me, I lost my uncle in
the wood, and in a coppice I met a little old woman , she had a
grey gown with a black fringe about the cape, a broad thrummed
hat, and three warts on her face I have seen her begging at our
door, as for her name I know it not, but by sight I can know her
again As I passed by her in the coppice, I chanced against my
will to let fall a scape , which she taking in anger said, " Gyp
with a mischief, and fart with a bell I will go to heaven and
thou shalt go to hell" ; and forthwith she stooped to the
ground ' Hereupon a more vehement suspicion arising, some
judged it to be the witch of Stapenhill, others, because she
was old and went little abroad, rather thought it to be Alse
Goodendge, her daughter, who was had in great

suspicion of many as a doer of devilish practices

The fits continuing thus by the space of five weeks, at length the boy's grandmother sent for Alse Goodendge, and when, with much ado, she was brought into the chamber where the boy was, he fell suddenly into a marvellous sore fit

Some days later Alse Goodendge, together with her mother, was again brought into the boy's presence by order of Sir Humphrey Ferrers, and seeing that the boy straightway had fits at their presence, Sir Humphrey ordered them to be searched for those marks which are usually found upon witches Whereupon behind the right shoulder of the old woman they